--- Series of 1880-81 - CANADA TWIST ONLY - Ottawa Division [B 53] - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- lithographed in GREEN ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed NOT TO COVER MORE / **than 1/2 lb., plus** *Martin Battle* ***Collector*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *Martin Battle* replaced *Alexander Graham* as Collector at Ottawa on January 1st 1873.

Chris Ryan also reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

The catalogue lists the 1/2 pound, green, Ottawa Division [B 53] CANADA TWIST ONLY 1880-81 strip as follows:

RT-131 - 1/2 pound, perforated 12, Ottawa Division [B 53], on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RT-131n - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Ottawa Division **"B 53"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The following strips are remnants. They have been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since they were not production items, I feel that it is preferable to simply list them without a separate catalogue number.

1/2 pound, green, *imperforate*, Ottawa Division **"B 53"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - a highly suspect strip.

1/2 pound, green, imperforate, Ottawa Division **"B 53"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RT-131 - 1/2 pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RT-131 - 1/2 pound, green, perforated 12, Ottawa Division **"B 53"**, green, control number **003452**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

003452★	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003459-61	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003484	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003501-07	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003540	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003544	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003570	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003575	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003597	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003602	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003625	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003646	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003656	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003660★	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003676-80	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003695	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003707	RT-131	1/2 pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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